THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

WRIT PETITION NO.19517 OF 1998

DATED: 21-06-2007

Between:

J. Krishna and others

.. Petitioners

and

The Commissioner for Endowment, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and another.

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a mandamus declaring the impugned proceedings, dated 25.3.1997, in Rc.No.A2/36959/87, of the 1st respondent, merging Old Sri Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Peddireddigudem with 2nd respondent Devasthanam i.e. Sri Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadagirigutta, as arbitrary and illegal.

There is no necessity of going into all the details.

The amalgamation of Old Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Peddireddigudem with that of Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadagirigutta is a matter of policy. It is interesting to notice that the petitioners are employees of Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadagirigutta. It is their grievance that in view of amalgamation of Old Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Peddireddigudem, with Laxminarasimha Swamy Devasthanam, Yadagirigutta, the funds of Yadagirigutta Devasthanam would be diverted to Peddireddigudem Devasthanam.

I am of the opinion that the grievance of the petitioners is misconceived. Amalgamation of two Devasthanams is a matter of policy and the employees of a Devasthanam cannot say that the funds of that Devasthanam cannot be diverted for the purpose of conducting regular Deepa Dhoopa Naivedyam in the other Devasthanam, where

its income is meager. However, if the petitioners have any grievance that their service conditions are likely to be affected by amalgamation, it is always open for them to make appropriate representation before the authorities concerned and work out their remedies as available under the law.

With the above observation, the writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

C.V. RAMULU, J

21st June, 2007.

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